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SUBJECT: DE LA GARZA AMENDMENT AND ISA NEGOTIATIONS

1. REP. CHARLES THONE (REP -NEB) INSERTED IN CONGRES-
SIONAL RECORD, JULY 22, 1977 Q AND A'S SUPPORTIVE OF
DE LA GARZA AMENDMENT. FOLLOWING Q AND A IS BEING USED
ON HILL TO SHOW COMPATIBILITY OF ON-GOING ISA NEGOTIATIONS
AND DE LA GARZA AMENDMENT:

2. QUOTE, Q. HOW ABOUT AN INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT?

A. IT APPEARS THE ADMINISTRATION HAS DECIDED TO HANG
ITS HAT ON THE CONCEPT OF SUCH AN AGREEMENT ALTHOUGH
THE PROSPECTS FOR AN ISA APPEAR TO BE VERY DIM AT
BEST. IF AN INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT SHOULD BE
REACHED AND BE RATIFIED BY THE SENATE IT WOULD PRE-EMPT
THE AMENDMENT. THUS, THERE IS NO REASON TO REJECT THIS
AMENDMENT ON THAT ACCOUNT. IN ALL CANDOR, IT DOES
NOT SEEM LIKELY AN AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED. JULIUS
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KATZ, CHIEF NEGOTIATOR FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT ON AN
ISA SAYS ONLY HE "HAS HOPE." PRIVATELY HE ACKNOWLEDGES
THAT ACCEPTANCE OF THIS AMENDMENT BY THE HOUSE OF REPRE-
SENTATIVES WOULD BE A HELPFUL TOOL IN HIS NEGOTIATIONS
BECAUSE IT DEMONSTRATES TO OUR TRADING PARTNERS AROUND THE
WORLD THAT IF THEY ARE NOT WILLING TO GET SERIOUS THE
UNITED STATES IS WILLING TO TAKE UNILATERAL ACTION

RATHER THAN SEE THE INDUSTRY DESTROYED. UNQUOTE. VANCE

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